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Chief, Global Survey Group

Monthly Report (Ref. S/PP memo. 29 Jan. 48)

1. General. Pressure of priority requirements for intelligence production prevented the rendition of a monthly report by G/GS as of 1 March. The present report, therefore, covers the two-month period since 31 January.

2. Recommended changes in the ORE Intelligence Production Plan. Noting that the time for presentation of a new quarterly plan has now arrived, I would reiterate by reference the recommendations made in the G/GS Monthly Report dated 1 February. In this connection I note again that, if such a Plan is currently in active preparation (as supposedly it must be), S/PP has not yet consulted G/GS with respect to it.

As concerns the production of staff intelligence, the quarterly Plan adopted on 18 January and published on 26 January is merely a listing of specific projects which then happened to be in active preparation, ~~or contemplated~~. A listing made a fortnight later would have been quite different: witness the actual differences between the published Plan and the original draft of it. In these circumstances "recommendation" of a change can be nothing more than the reporting of an already accomplished fact: the completion or abandonment of certain specific projects, the initiation of others. But G/SI keeps account of these matters on a day to day basis, as an essential aspect of its projects control function, and reports monthly on the status of projects. The quarterly "Plan", as now prepared, is merely a duplication of G/SI's monthly report of the same date, having no greater validity or utility as a plan. The requirement upon the producing components of ORE to submit duplicate monthly returns to G/SI and S/PP is onerous, wasteful, and purposeless.

Recommendations:

a. That the question of the validity and utility of the quarterly Intelligence Production Plan, as presently conceived, be placed on the agenda of the Intelligence Production Board for early consideration.

b. That the requirement for a monthly report to S/PP under this heading be rescinded.

3. Special intelligence produced by G/GS (outside of the CIA, ORE, and SR Series).

4. For the Director: (1) oral briefing on the significance

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of Soviet cabinet changes; (2) draft for an address on the global situation, to be delivered by [ ] for the Director.

b. For the Joint Staff: (1) assistance in the preparation of the February and March briefings of the Secretary of Defense; (2) IM-135; (3) IM-137.

c. For FOS, OII, Dept. of State: IM-129 (less appendices).

d. For the NSRB: IM-142

e. For the Joint Ad Hoc Committee: a preliminary draft, now in process of coordination.

4. Adequacy of coverage of global aspects of intelligence. See comment in Q/GS report of 1 February.

5. Functioning of ORS. See comment in Q/GS report of 1 February. In particular, I would refer again to the practice of submitting incomplete staff work to the IMP and its inevitable consequences, as exemplified in the IMP meeting on 30 March.

6. Functioning of CIA. See Q/GS report of 1 February.

7. Relations outside of CIA.

a. NSC Staff: relations in this quarter remain excellent, but the current trend in NSC employment of the NSC Staff has been such as to minimize activity in this field.

b. NSRB: active contact has been maintained, but it has been more in the nature of informal consultation than in the provision of formal estimates.

c. JIG: there has been a marked increase in the amount of work done by Q/GS for JIG, with a consequent increase in active contact.

d. IAC Agencies: reactivation of the Joint Ad Hoc Committee has resulted in more active contact in this field.

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